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1. NOVEMBER 10 I DISCUSSED CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA, DRAWING ON REFTEL, WITH DR. KITHONG VONSAY, SECRETARY OF STAE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND, NOMINALLY, NUMBER TWO MAN IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH AND GIVE ME AN INFORMAL STATEMENT OF LAO POSITION ON POINTS RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 8 REFTEL.

2. COMMENT: NORMALLY IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME EVEN TO SEEK A REACTION OF THE CURRENT COMMUNIST CONTROLLED REGIME HERE ON SUCH A SUBJECT. HOWEVER, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION, AND KITHONG WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SEVERAL WEEKS AT UNGA CONFIRMS IT, THAT THE PEKING AND MOSCOW POSITIONS ON ANGOLA ARE NOT THE SAME. IT IS POSSIBLE, JUST POSSIBLE, THEREFORE THAT GIVEN THIS
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LAO MAY DECIDE TO GO SLOW ON RECOGNIZING MPLA.
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